

**MINUTES OF THE HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
CAPITAL PROJECTS HEARING  
February 15, 2007**

Members Present: Tammy CitaraManis, Chairperson; David Grabowski, Vice-Chair; Linda Dombrowski

Members Absent: Gary Rosenbaum

Staff Present: Marsha McLaughlin; Lisa Kenney; Randy Clay

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**Pre-Meeting Minutes:**

Ms. CitaraManis opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Ron Weinstein, Howard County Budget Administrator gave an overview of the capital budget process.

Mr. Ken Roey, Executive Director of Howard County School Facilities summarized new projects being presented for 2008 including new maintenance and warehouse facilities as well as expanding the parking lots of several schools.

Ms. Lynn Coleman of Howard County Community College summarized requests for new projects, including Belmont, and she submitted a letter of support signed by 100 people.

Mr. Gary Arthur, Department of Recreation and Parks explained the Department's four new projects for FY 2008 and that the majority of the projects are a continuation from last year.

Mr. Bill McMahon, Chief, Police Department summarized the Department's new projects for FY 2008 budget.

Mr. Ron Lepson, Department of Public Works gave a brief summary of the Department's capital projects for the FY 2008 budget.

**Public Testimony:**

**Mt. Hebron**

Ms. Hannah Kim, a student of Mt. Hebron High School, representing 6 other students presented a video showing problems with the Mt. Hebron High School facilities. She asked the Board to consider recommending that a new school be looked at and not just minor renovations.

Mr. Robert Francis, a student of Mt. Hebron High School, also asked the Board to support a new school, stating his concerns regarding the condition of the school.

Ms. Lauren Bar of 2309 Old Mingle Court asked the Board to support a new Mt. Hebron High School stating her concerns regarding the condition of the school.

Mr. Jim Bothey of 2238 Mt. Hebron Drive stated his concerns that there has been a lack of thoroughness in evaluating the options for Mt. Hebron High School.

### **General County**

Ms. Cathy Hudson of 6018 Old Lawyers Hill Road spoke in support of the project to bring the County into environmental compliance.

### **Burntwoods Road (J4223)**

Mr. Lou Thompson of 14652 Mustang Path, Glynwood spoke in opposition to relocation of Burntwoods Road (J4223) stating his concerns regarding safety, cost and environmental impact due to the project going through wetlands. He also stated that the Department of Public Works had not justified the project to the community.

Mr. Mark Kirshey of 1456 Mustang Path spoke in opposition to the project stating a new plan with the existing roadway should be considered.

Ms. Monique Car of 15488 Mustang Path spoke in opposition of J4223, due to substantial negative impact on personal residence, outdoor living space and usability of her yard.

Ms. Linda Conover of 14580 Mustang Path spoke in opposition to J4223 stating that her property would be surrounded on three sides by road, which would result in a negative impact to her personal residence.

Ms. Karen Carman of 14628 Mustang Path spoke in opposition of J4223, stating her concerns that the upgrades are not necessary.

Ms. Barbara Cook of 14550 Burntwoods Road spoke in support of the project, stating that it was part of the master plan since 1980 and that there have been numerous accidents at the existing site.

Mr. Robert Grove of 14520 Burntwoods Road spoke in support of J4223 stating his concerns regarding numerous accidents, resulting in damage to his property, as well as increased traffic issues.

Mr. Eric Grove of 14540 Burntwoods Road spoke in support of J4223 due to safety issues and traffic flow.

Ms. Mary Bay of 3139 Hobbs Road, spoke in support of J4223, stating her concerns regarding safety issues.

Mr. Steve Bay of 3139 Hobbs Road spoke in support of J4223 stating concerns regarding safety.

Mr. Mark Peirce of 14600 Burntwoods Road spoke in support of the project to impact, traffic flow,

### **Belmont Acquisition by Howard Community College (M0537)**

Ms. Susan Craig of 6570 Belmont Woods Road spoke in opposition to the project due to preservation concerns.

Mr. Nessley Craig of 6570 Belmont Woods, spoke in opposition of the project, stating that the College has higher priority funding needs and unsettled legal and environmental issues.

Mr. Greg Greisman of 6706 spoke in opposition to the project, stating his concerns regarding the impact on state park and preserved land.

Mr. Fred Dorsey of 10774 Judy Lane, Columbia, Vice President of Preservation Howard County, spoke in opposition to the project, stating concerns regarding overwhelming the historic building with new construction.

Mr. Tim Greisman of 6780 Norris Lane, spoke in opposition to the project due to the unsettled issues and that the project would be counter to the preservation goals of County.

Ms. Meg Schumacher of 6589 Belmont Woods Road, ElkrIDGE spoke in opposition to project, operating outside RED zoning regulations,

Ms. Cathy Hudson of 6018 Old Lawyers Hill Road, speaking as the Chair of Save Belmont Coalition, stated that the project doesn't fit with the College's mission and that it is an inappropriate location.

Mr. Dale Schumacher of 6581 Belmont Woods Road, spoke in opposition to the project, stating that the use is not permitted in the R-ED zoning district and it disregards existing covenants.

Mr. Jesse Chancellor of 8824 Prestforth Garth, spoke in opposition to project due to the secrecy of the process and the intensity of the development.

### **Recreation and Parks**

Mr. Rob Dewberry of 17302 Pink Dogwood Court, Lisbon MD, spoke in support of the Blandair Project, (N3102) and Western Regional Park project, stating that field space is critical in Howard County, especially for the youth.

Mr. Tom Lawler, President of the Boys and Girls Club, spoke in support of various Recreation and Parks projects, stating that children are the future and projects to help the children need to be funded.

Mr. David Borucki of 6523 Southwind Circle, Columbia, spoke in support of the Blandair project, (N3102) stating that it would be good for the community and children.

Mr. Aaron Schwartz of 5615 Columbia Road stated his support for the Recreation and Parks budget that would give children a place to play.

Mr. Jack Muloney of 2820 Shadowroll Court, Glynwood, spoke in support of Recreation and Parks projects, stating it would increase fields for youth programs.

Mr. Chris Colbert of 6460 Way, Columbia, spoke in support of Recreation and Parks stating his concern with the lack of facilities.

Mr. Melvin Cowell of 11861 Bright Passage, Columbia spoke in support of Recreation and Parks, stating that program growth is limited by facility access.

Mr. Paul Hayley of 2845 Jeanine Court, Ellicott City, representing the Howard County Terps basketball team, spoke in support of the Blandair Project (N3102)

Mr. Alex Pagnato of Campbarn Road, spoke in support of Recreation and Parks budget stating that getting more fields and more kids to play on the fields is a good thing.

Mr. Fred Dorsey of 10774 Judy Lane, speaking as Vice president of Preservation Howard County, spoke in support of the Blandair project (N3102)

**North Laurel Road (N5063)**

Mr. Ray Lamar of 9509 Linville Ave, Laurel, spoke in opposition to the project stating his concerns regarding cutting trees to make way for sidewalk and safety issues.

Mr. Richard Henderson of 9543 Linville Ave, spoke in opposition to the project starting his concerns regarding safety.

**Sewer (S6265)**

Mr. Jeffrey Harmonstaffer of 4413 New Cut Road, spoke in support of the project, which would allow him to develop more of his property.

Mr. Bruce Taylor of 4100 College Ave, stated his support for the project.

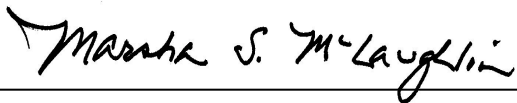
**Water (W8285)**

Mr. Joseph Heel spoke in support of the project, due to well water safety issues.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PLANNING BOARD ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 10:03 P.M.



Marsha S. McLaughlin  
Executive Secretary



Lisa Kenney  
Recording Secretary